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2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation.
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   (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
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Agenda of the twenty-sixth special session of the General Assembly

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Letter dated 22 June 2001 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly

1. At present 16 Member States are in arrears under the terms of Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations, which states as follows:

> "A Member of the United Nations which is in arrears in the payment of its financial contributions to the Organization shall have no vote in the General Assembly if the amount of its arrears equals or exceeds the amount of the contributions due from it for the preceding two full years. The General Assembly may, nevertheless, permit such a Member to vote if it is satisfied that the failure to pay is due to conditions beyond the control of the Member."

2. The minimum payments necessary to reduce the amounts owed by those Member States on their contributions so that they remain below the gross amount assessed for the preceding two full years (1999-2000) are as follows:

Member State	*Minimum payment (United States dollars)*
Burundi[a]	35 134.80
Central African Republic	285 900.00
Comoros[a]	709 652.25
Georgia[a]	6 475 700.00
Guinea	19 600.00
Guinea-Bissau	424 800.00
Iraq	12 320 200.00
Kyrgyzstan[a]	94 720.33
Liberia	1 042 200.00
Niger	302 900.00
Republic of Moldova[a]	2 649 099.00
Sao Tome and Principe[a]	555 200.00
Seychelles	161 200.00
Somalia	956 500.00

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Member State	*Minimum payment (United States dollars)*
Tajikistan[a]	2 029 505.00
Uzbekistan	881 689.50

[a] By its resolution 55/5 A of 26 October 2000, the General Assembly decided that Burundi, the Comoros, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, the Republic of Moldova, Sao Tome and Principe and Tajikistan would be permitted to vote in the Assembly until 30 June 2001.

(*Signed*) Kofi **Annan**
Secretary-General

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Item 7 of the provisional agenda*
Review of the problem of human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) in all its aspects

Letter dated 22 June 2001 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

As the representative of the State chairing the constituent organs of the Commonwealth of Independent States, I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of an appeal of the Council on cooperation in the field of health of the States members of the Commonwealth of Independent States, adopted on 19 June 2001 in Baku (see annex II), addressed to the participants at the twenty-sixth special session of the United Nations General Assembly, on HIV/AIDS.

The appeal was signed by the representatives of the Ministries of Health of the Republic of Armenia, the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Republic of Belarus, the Russian Federation and the Republic of Tajikistan, and also of the Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Welfare of Georgia.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annexes circulated as an official document of the twenty-sixth special session of the General Assembly, on HIV/AIDS.

(*Signed*) A. **Granovsky**
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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Annex I

Decision concerning the appeal by the Council on cooperation in the field of health of the States members of the Commonwealth of Independent States addressed to the participants at the twenty-sixth special session of the United Nations General Assembly, on HIV/AIDS

The Council on cooperation in the field of health of the States members of the Commonwealth of Independent States,

Guided by the Agreement on cooperation in resolving the problems of HIV infection, of 25 November 1998,

Recognizing that the disease caused by the human immunodeficiency virus requires concerted action at the global level,

Has decided:

1. To adopt the appeal of the Council on cooperation in the field of health of the States members of the Commonwealth of Independent States addressed to the participants at the twenty-sixth special session of the General Assembly, on HIV/AIDS (see annex II).

2. To request Mr. Y. L. Shevchenko, Chairman of the Council, and Minister for Health of the Russian Federation, through the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations (as the State chairing the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs) to bring the appeal to the attention of the participants at the twenty-sixth special session of the United Nations General Assembly, on HIV/AIDS.

3. This decision shall enter into force on the day of its signature.

Done at Baku on 19 June 2001, in a single original in the Russian language. The original shall be deposited with the executive committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States, which shall send a certified copy to each health ministry and department of the States members of the Commonwealth of Independent States.

For the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Armenia
(*Signature*)

For the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Azerbaijan
(*Signature*)

For the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Belarus
(*Signature*)

For the Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Welfare of Georgia
(*Signature*)

For the Health Agency of the Republic of Kazakhstan

For the Ministry of Health of the Kyrgyz Republic

For the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Moldova

For the Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation
(*Signature*)

For the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Tajikistan
(*Signature*)

For the Ministry of Health and the Medical Industry of Turkmenistan

For the Ministry of Health of Ukraine

For the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Annex II

Appeal of the Council on cooperation in the field of health of the States members of the Commonwealth of Independent States addressed to the participants at the twenty-sixth special session of the General Assembly, on HIV/AIDS

Baku, 19 June 2001

The Council on cooperation in the field of health of the States members of the Commonwealth of Independent States,

Guided by the Agreement on cooperation in resolving the problems of HIV infection, of 25 November 1998,

Recognizing that the disease caused by the human immunodeficiency virus has spread massively throughout the world and has created a real threat to the population of the States members of the Commonwealth of Independent States,

Taking into account the special social significance of the problem of HIV/AIDS in the countries with economies in transition,

Confirming the need to adopt timely and effective measures for the comprehensive prevention of HIV infection and concerted action to ensure the protection of the rights and interests of citizens,

On behalf of the medical community of the States members of the Commonwealth of Independent States, greets the participants at the twenty-sixth special session of the United Nations General Assembly and wishes them success in formulating initiatives and in intensifying international cooperation and efforts to combat HIV/AIDS;

Stresses its gratitude to the international organizations which are carrying out activities in the States members of the Commonwealth of Independent States for their assistance and support in resolving the problems associated with this disease;

Expresses the conviction that the recommendations of the twenty-sixth special session of the United Nations General Assembly will make it possible to draw the attention of international organizations and potential donors to the problems and needs of our region, and will contribute to an expansion of international cooperation on the acute problem of HIV/AIDS in the interests of the population of the States members of the Commonwealth.

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Agenda item 3
Credentials of representatives to the twenty-sixth special session of the General Assembly

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chairman: Mr. Denis **Dangue Réwaka** (Gabon)

1. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 25 June 2001, the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 28 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee for its twenty-sixth special session having the same composition as that of the Credentials Committee at the fifty-fifth regular session, namely: Bahamas, China, Ecuador, Gabon, Ireland, Mauritius, Russian Federation, Thailand and the United States of America.

2. The Credentials Committee held one meeting, on 25 June 2001.

3. Denis Dangue Réwaka (Gabon) was unanimously elected Chairman.

4. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General dated 22 June 2001 concerning the credentials of representatives of Member States to the twenty-sixth special session of the General Assembly. The Assistant Secretary-General for Legal Affairs made a statement relating to the memorandum by the Secretary-General, in which, inter alia, he updated the memorandum, indicating those credentials and communications received subsequent to the preparation of the memorandum.

5. As noted in paragraph 1 of the memorandum and the statement relating thereto, formal credentials of representatives to the twenty-sixth special session, in the form required by rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, had been received as of the time of the meeting of the Credentials Committee from the following 57 Member States: Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Austria, Bhutan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Cambodia, China, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Fiji, Finland, Gambia, Guyana, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Japan, Jordan, Latvia, Lithuania, Madagascar, Maldives, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Myanmar, Monaco, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Panama, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand,

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Togo, Tunisia, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America and Yugoslavia.

6. As noted in paragraph 2 of the memorandum and the statement relating thereto, information concerning the appointment of the representatives of Member States to the twenty-sixth special session had been communicated to the Secretary-General, as of the time of the meeting of the Credentials Committee, by means of a cable or a telefax from the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs, or by means of a letter or note verbale from the Permanent Mission concerned, by the following 79 Member States: Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Colombia, Croatia, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Israel, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Nauru, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, South Africa, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tuvalu, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Viet Nam, Yemen and Zimbabwe.

7. As noted in paragraph 3 of the memorandum and the statement relating thereto, the following 45 Member States participating in the twenty-sixth special session had not, as of the time of the meeting of the Credentials Committee, communicated to the Secretary-General information regarding their representatives to the session, but had previously empowered their permanent representatives to represent their respective States in all organs of the United Nations without limitation as to session: Afghanistan, Albania, Angola, Belize, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Dominica, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Honduras, Italy, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Malawi, Mongolia, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Philippines, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Seychelles, Slovakia, Spain, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Tajikistan, Turkey, Uganda, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu and Zambia.

8. Eight Member States had not yet communicated to the Secretary-General any information regarding their representatives to the twenty-sixth special session: Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Kiribati, Nepal, Somalia, Turkmenistan and Venezuela.

9. The Chairman recommended that the Committee accept the credentials of the representatives of all Member States mentioned in the Secretary-General's memorandum, on the understanding that formal credentials for representatives of the Member States referred to in paragraphs 6, 7 and 8 of the present report would be communicated to the Secretary-General as soon as possible.

10. Having considered the question of the credentials of Afghanistan, the Committee decided to take the same position as was taken at the fifty-fifth regular session of the General Assembly.

11. On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee adopted the following draft resolution:

"*The Credentials Committee*,

"*Having examined* the credentials of the representatives to the twenty-sixth special session of the General Assembly of the Member States referred to in the memorandum of the Secretary-General dated 22 June 2001,

"*Accepts*, subject to the decision contained in paragraph 10 of the present report, the credentials of the representatives of the Member States concerned."

12. The draft resolution proposed by the Chairman was adopted without a vote.

13. The Chairman then proposed that the Committee should recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution (see para. 15). The proposal was adopted without a vote.

14. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the General Assembly.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

15. The Credentials Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Credentials of representatives to the twenty-sixth special session of the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Credentials Committee and the recommendation contained therein,

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.

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Note verbale dated 27 June 2001 from the Permanent Mission of Bolivia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of Bolivia to the United Nations, in its capacity as President of the Andean Community, presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to transmit, annexed hereto, the text of the political declaration of the countries members of the Andean Community, adopted at the most recent meeting of the Andean Presidential Council, held in Valencia, Carabobo, Venezuela, on 24 June 2001, as part of the document entitled "Act of Carabobo" (see annex).

The Permanent Mission of Bolivia to the United Nations has the honour to request that the said declaration be circulated as an official document of the twenty-sixth special session of the General Assembly on HIV/AIDS.

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Annex to the note verbale dated 27 June 2001 from the Permanent Mission of Bolivia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Declaration

The Presidents of Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, and Venezuela, and the Chairman of the Ministerial Council of Peru, meeting in the Thirteenth Andean Presidential Council, express their deep concern over the worldwide consequences of HIV/AIDS and, most particularly, with regard to the effects and vulnerabilities arising from situations of poverty and extreme poverty. In that connection, they state their determination to adopt measures for cooperation in the Andean subregion to prevent the spread of this pandemic.

They further express their confidence that the results of the twenty-sixth special session of the General Assembly will include a comprehensive approach for a worldwide frontal attack on that pandemic, and recognize that prevention, care, support, and treatment are essential aspects that require international financing and cooperation from States, international organizations, and the private sector — above all, the pharmaceutical industry.

Valencia, Venezuela, 24 June 2001